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Vogtle Combined License Application
Response to Regulatory Issue Summary 2008-01

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On January 10, 2008, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2008-01, *Process for Scheduling Acceptance Reviews Based on Notification of Applicant Submission Dates for Early Site Permits, Combined Licenses, and Design Certifications and Process for Determining Budget Needs for Fiscal Year 2010*. This RIS requests all future applicants for an early site permit (ESP), limited work authorization (LWA), standard design certifications (DC), or combined licenses (COL) to submit information with respect to intent to submit applications after April 2008. The enclosure to this letter provides Southern Nuclear Operating Company's (SNC's) response to RIS 2008-01.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this matter, please contact C. R. Pierce at (205) 992-7872.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2008-01

For

Proposed VEGP Units 3 and 4

SNC's response to NRC RIS 2008-01 for proposed VEGP Units 3 and 4 is as follows:

- 1) To ensure that the NRC will have adequate time to effectively schedule resources and to facilitate the staff's ability to achieve an acceptance review of 60 calendar days, the staff requests that, 90 days prior to the expected submission date, applicants declare their expected submission date (month, day, year) to the NRC for each ESP, LWA, DC, and partial or complete COL application.

Response: Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) currently intends to file the VEGP 3 and 4 Combined License Application on March 31, 2008. SNC continues to be in discussion with the Westinghouse/Shaw Consortium on contract issues whose outcome may effect this submittal date.

- 2) In addition, the staff is seeking future notification regarding ESP, LWA, DC, and partial/complete COL applications expected to be submitted in FY 2010 no later than 30 days from the date of this RIS. This information will assist the staff in determining fiscal year 2010 budget needs.

Response: At this time Southern Nuclear Operating Company does not have any plans for submittals in the 2010 timeframe. However, there is a possibility that SNC could submit either an ESP or COLA for a site other than the proposed VEGP site in late FY 2010. SNC will notify the NRC if any plans develop during this timeframe.